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Today—and Every Day—we Fight to Defend the Open Internet

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Today, we heard from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) about its plans to devastate Network Neutrality. Instead of responding to the [millions of Americans](#) who want to protect the free and open Internet, the FCC instead is ceding to the demands of a handful of massive ISPs, like Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T.

EFF will be analyzing the full plan when it is released. But based on what we know so far, it's clear that Chairman Pai is seeking to reverse [the 2015 Open Internet Order](#) that established clear but light touch protections for Internet users and Internet innovation. The FCC's new approach invites a future where only the largest Internet, cable, and

telephone companies survive, while every start-up, small business, and new innovator is crowded out—and the voices of nonprofits and ordinary individuals are suppressed.

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Costs will go up, as ISPs take advantage of monopoly power to raise rates on edge providers and consumers alike. And the FCC's proposed plan adds salt to the wound by interfering with state efforts to protect consumer privacy and competition.

The FCC today abdicates a fundamental responsibility—but Internet users won't. Today, and every day, we will fight to defend net neutrality. Tell Congress that lawmakers must act to defend our open Internet.

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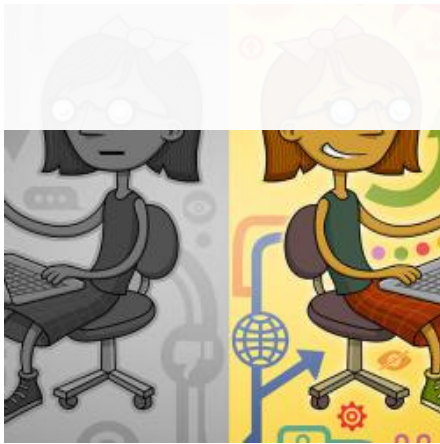
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